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E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: PFOR UN XF

SUBJECT: SC MTG RENEWAL OF UNDOF

1. ISRAELI REP TEKOAH AGREED TODAY HE WOULD MAKE NO SPEECH OR COMMENTS WHATEVER AT THE SC SESSION WHICH RENEWS UNDOF FOR SIX MONTHS IF, AS HE HAS PROMISED, SYRIAN REP KELANI AVOIDS ANY COMMENT. SCALI SOUGHT TEKOAH'S ASSURANCE ON THIS POINT IN KEEPING WITH KELAINI'S EXPRESSED DESIRE TO AVOID ANY SPEECH-MAKING DURING THE SC MTG IF THE USG CLD GET ISRAELI ASSURANCE HE WOULD NOT SPEAK. TEKOAH AT FIRST AGREED ONLY TENTATIVELY, SAYING HE WOULD RECOMMEND NO ISRAELI SPEECH BUT ONLY IF THE SYRIAN SIDE SOLEMNLY PROMISED A SECOND TIME THAT IT WOULD REMAIN SILENT. HE CLAIMED THAT EGYPTIAN REP MEGUID HAD PROMISED NO SPEECH WHEN UNEF WAS RENEWED BUT THAT MEGUID PULLED A SPEECH OUT OF HIS POCKET CONFIDENTIAL

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AT THE LAST MINUTE, FORCING ISRAEL TO REPLY. (ACTUALLY MEGUID

HAD PROMOSED ONLY TO SPEAK MILDLY.)

2. SCALI AGAIN CONTACTED KELANI TODAY, WHO SAID FLATLY, "I CAN CONFIRM AGAIN THAT WE HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO INTENTION OF SPEAKING WHEN UNDOF IS REVIEWD IN THE SC. THERE WILL BE NO SUPRISES."

SCALI THEN RELAYED THIS NEWEST KELANI ASSURANCE TO TEKOAH, WHO THEN SAID HE WAS NOW PREPARED TO ASSURE SCALI THAT ISRAEL WOULD REMAIN SILENT PARTICULARLY BECAUSE IT WANTED TO TREAT SUCH RENEWAL OF UNEF AND UNDOF MANDATES AS ROUTINE AND NON-CONTROVERSIAL. SCALI

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